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Department of Tourism and State Development

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Ms. Victoria Rutson
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

SECTION 106 PROJECT CONSULTATION – DOE

Project: 000530008F – DM&E Architectural and Structural Resources

Location: Multiple Counties
(STB)

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (as amended). The South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has made the following determination regarding the National Register eligibility of the rail line and individual resources.

The SHPO has made this consensus determination based on the information provided in the bridge survey forms received on May 30, 2000. In concurrence with the recommendations, the rail line corridor and individual railroad resources should be considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The removal or alteration of the existing rail line or structures may constitute an adverse effect pursuant to 36 CFR part 800.5, the enabling regulation for Section 106 of the NHPA.

Therefore, once historic properties to be impacted have been identified and a determination of effect has been provided, our office will be able to provide meaningful comments as to the effect of the proposed project to the non renewable resources of South Dakota.

However, if this project is determined to have an adverse effect, it will be necessary to explore possible measures to minimize or mitigate negative impacts to historic properties. The following are possible mitigative measures; this list is not all inclusive:

Office of Tourism
Governor's Office of Economic
Development
Tribal Government Relations
711 E Wells Ave / Pierre, SD 57501-3369
Phone: 605-773-3301 / Fax: 605-773-3256
travelsd.com / sdgreatprofits.com /
sdtribalrelations.com

South Dakota Arts Council
800 Governors Dr. / Pierre, SD 57501-2294
Phone: 605-773-3131 or 1-800-423-6665 in SD
Fax: 605-773-6962
sdac@state.sd.us / sdarts.org

**South Dakota State
Historical Society**
900 Governors Dr. / Pierre, SD 57501-2217
Phone: 605-773-3458 / Fax: 605-773-6041
sdhistory.org

South Dakota Housing
Development Authority
PO Box 1237 / Pierre, SD 57501-1237
Phone: 605-773-3181 / Fax: 605-773-5154
sdhda.org



- A portion of the track and associated features could be left in place. Restrictive covenants established upon the grade and any remaining associated features to insure their long-term protection and preservation.
- A history of the line that should include historic American Building Survey (HABS) and /or Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) documentation of the rail line and all associated features.
- Interpretive signs discussing the history of the rail line and associated features located along the line. Other interpretive options include television spots/documentaries, traveling exhibits, historic driving or bike tours, or historic markers.
- Develop a grant program or funding to assist owners of historic properties in surrounding communities with economic development and rehabilitation.

Should you require additional information, please contact Stephen C. Rogers at (605) 773-2906. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jay D. Vogt
State Historic Preservation Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steph C. Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steph" and last name "Rogers" clearly distinguishable.

Stephen C. Rogers
Historic Preservation Coordinator